

How to Perform Your Land Cover/Biology Investigation

Qualitative Land Cover Sample Site Protocol

Students locate, photograph, and determine the MUC class for 90 m x 90 m areas of homogeneous land cover.

Quantitative Land Cover Sample Site Protocol

Students locate and photograph 90 m x 90 m areas of forest, woodland, or grassland, take measurements of the properties of the vegetation, and determine the MUC class.

Biometry Protocol

Students measure properties of vegetation and identify species.

MUC System Protocol

Students use the MUC System to classify land cover

Manual Interpretation Land Cover Mapping Protocol

Students delineate different areas of land cover as seen on their TM image.

Unsupervised Clustering Land Cover Mapping Protocol

Students use MultiSpec to perform unsupervised clustering of their TM image and then assign MUC classes to every cluster to obtain a land cover map.

Accuracy Assessment Protocol

Students use observations of validation Land Cover Sample Sites to construct a difference/error matrix and determine the accuracy of their land cover maps.